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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 7, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 13, as follows:

--A hydrophobic adhesive not comprising water-absorbing constituents is more stable against the action of aggressive exudates, which will delay the deterioration of the adhesive wafer, especially when the entire surface within the boundaries of the coupling is covered. In a preferred embodiment of the invention the hydrophobic adhesive loses ~~looses~~ its adhesiveness when wetted with exudates from the stoma. Thus, incidental movements of the stoma will not expand the hole of the body side member permanently and the risk of adhesion of the wall of a collecting bag to the distal surface is avoided.--

On page 8, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 16, as follows:

--In another preferred embodiment the carrier sheet is absent ~~in~~ on a part of the second surface of the ~~wafer~~ the adhesive wafer surrounding the stoma. This embodiment provides in itself for a thinner area next to the central hole facilitating the rolling of the edge and also eliminates the stiffness provided by the carrier sheet in this area.--

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On page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 19, as follows:

--An adhesive wafer suitably comprises an adhesive, which absorbs humidity such as perspiration. A second adhesive material may be formulated without hydrocolloids or using a minor amount of hydrocolloids or using ~~ma~~ a material such as potato starch which has been found to have a low absorbing capacity when formulated in medical adhesives in order to ensure that a second adhesive preferably shows a lower absorption in order to prolong the service time of a product of the invention.--

On page 15, please amend the two consecutive paragraphs beginning on line 12, as follows:

--Fig. 2 shows a cross sectional view of an embodiment of an ostomy appliance body side member 10 according to the invention comprising an adhesive wafer 12 having a first adhesive surface for securing the appliance to the user's skin S, said adhesive having a second surface being covered by a carrier sheet 13 conventionally used for ostomy appliances. Furthermore, the body side member is provided with a coupling ring 14 for attachment of a receiving bag and a release liner 15 for protecting the first adhesive surface until use. The carrier sheet is absent on a central part of the

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second surface of the adhesive wafer 12 surrounding the stoma. The body side member comprises a second layer of adhesive 16 disposed on the second surface of the wafer surrounding the stoma and stretching under the inner rim of the carrier sheet 13 and a release liner ~~15~~ 17 covering said second layer of adhesive. The release liner is to be removed before application of the appliance. A receiving bag provided with a matching coupling ring may be secured to the coupling ring in a manner known per se.

Fig. 3 shows a cross sectional view of a sealing member 20 of the present invention comprising an adhesive wafer 22, having a carrier sheet 23 having mechanical properties similar to the adhesive. The ~~which~~ wafer is thinner in the area next to the central hole for accommodating the stoma and is provided with a release liner 25 for protecting the adhesive surface until use. The sealing member comprises a second layer of adhesive 26, preferably a hydrophobic adhesive layer, disposed on the second distal surface of the member surrounding the stoma. The sealing member is furthermore provided with a flange part 28 for attaching the sealing member to the surface of a body side member.--